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Treasurer presents unclaimed property checks

CLARKSBURG – State Treasurer John Perdue issued four Harrison residents unclaimed property checks Friday, part of a recent total of nearly \$200,000 in unclaimed funds issued in that county.

Perdue presented checks to Gladys Davisson of Bridgeport; Donley Shultz of Montclair; Harold Yost of Bridgeport; and Betty Rossana of Clarksburg. They received their checks during a ceremony at the Chase bank building downtown.

The four residents took part in the ceremony to draw attention to Treasurer Perdue's unclaimed property program, which has returned \$63 million to state residents since he became Treasurer in January of 1997.

Those four wish not to disclose the individual amounts of their checks. The cumulative Harrison total of \$193,563 has been returned to several county residents in the last three weeks.

"It gives me great pride and pleasure to return these funds to their rightful owners," Perdue said of the checks, which range from lost stock dividends to an estate settlement. "This is part of our public service mission – returning money to its rightful owners."

The Treasurer urged residents not to pay for unclaimed property searches. His staff will search databases for free at 1-800-642-8687. Residents may also search on-line at www.wvsto.com. Anyone searching on-line should click on "Unclaimed Property."

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